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## Local News.

If it is in the Ontario Argus, it is news.

It begins to look like all our dry land is to be watered. Sign up for an irrigation district.

Phene Venator lost two head of horses, all his hay and a new barn by fire last week at Barren Valley.

Mrs. Brent Reeves, who was well known in Ontario, died at Baker City last week. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. C. C. Carter.

Auto for Sale—Good as new, will sell cheap for cash or good note; must sell on account of ill-health. S. A. Hobson, Ontario, Oregon.

The Argus found H. L. Poorman's equine, and Harry can now be seen in the evening driving Miss Jerky on our paved streets.

Lost—Ladies' hand bag, color dark navy blue, containing only papers of value to the owner. Return to Argus office or First National Bank.

Tom Turnbull purchased 17 head of thoroughbred merino bucks, all prize-winners, at the Boise fair, and will trail the animals to Barren Valley.

D. H. Kerfoot shipped six thoroughbred pit game cockerels to Portland this week. Dan's fighting chickens are getting a reputation far and wide.

Jim Butler wired us from Cairo last evening that there were twin calves at Prof. Conklin's ranch again. The mother this time is a Jersey heifer.

Miss Mae Cadden is now permanently located at the R. D. Greer residence, and will be pleased to meet all those interested in organ or piano study.

Health is too precious to be tampered with by incompetent vendors of drugs. Try the Wilson Duffy Drug Co., for clean drugs, and expert service.

Rev. Allan J. Hoar, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here, was renewing acquaintances in Ontario the first of the week. He is now editor of a weekly paper at Golden, Colo.

R. S. Rutherford, sexton of the Ontario cemetery, requests all who promised to assist him in setting out trees, plants, etc., to meet him at the cemetery at 8 a. m. Saturday, Nov. 6th, one week from tomorrow.

Clothes cleaned and pressed on short notice, satisfaction guaranteed. We know how it is done. A man for a man's work. Let the women rest. Bring your work to Gene Conant, in Flier Building, 4 doors north of Carter House.

O. G. Leuhns and family will depart next week for Portland to reside. Mr. Leuhns is an expert pharmacist and has accepted a position in one of Portland's large drug stores. We all wish the estimable family prosperity in their new home.

County Treasurer Halliday was in the city the first of the week attending a meeting of the directors of the Nevada ditch. We told Tom a true story that happened at the White Settlement and he called us a liar—seconded by "Doc" Brown, who was rubbering.

J. R. Jenkins, the Harney county sheepman, accompanied by his wife and Miss May Jones, arrived Sunday and registered at the Carter House. Miss Jones is a sister of Mrs. Jenkins and is on her way home to Wales, England, after an extended visit to relatives in Harney county.

## Local News.

A little boosting won't hurt. Wilson-Duffy Drug Co. All kinds of drugs.

Tom Seaward is quite ill at the home of his parents on the East Side.

Born—In this city, Oct. 22, 1909, to the wife of Frank Handley, a son.

J. S. Edwards, the banker-stockman of Vale, was a business visitor to Ontario on Tuesday.

Riley Horn and wife of Watson were renewing acquaintances in Ontario during the week.

Mrs. H. O. Drane and children left Sunday for an extended visit to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. James Eshom and daughter Della left Tuesday for Hailey, Idaho, to make their future home.

Lack of cement is retarding the progress of work on both the Boyer and Lackey brick structures.

For Sale—6-room house, one block from postoffice; very cheap and title guaranteed. Inquire J. T. Clement, Ontario, Ore.

Elmer Dory will leave next week for Denver, Colo., on a visit to his parents, the first visit to his old home in 20 years.

Any physician that knows the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., will not hesitate to trust his patient's medicine to us for preparation.

Williams & Boyer, proprietors of the Electric Maze, desire to inform the public that in the future a change of program nightly will be given at their popular little theatre.

Blue Prints of any Township in the Burns Land District, showing names of entrymen, kinds of entry, dates, etc., and topography. Price \$1.00. J. C. Turney, Burns, Oregon.

R. S. Rutherford has just received a vacuum cleaner and solicits work from the citizens of Ontario in that line and satisfaction guaranteed. When you want your home cleaned just let "Uncle Dick" know.

C. R. Emison, cashier of the Ontario National Bank, was a business visitor to Weiser during the week. Charley carried a huge valise and when asked what is contained replied and he blushed like a 16-year-old.

The Ontario volunteer fire department has been reorganized and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, H. L. Poorman; vice president, J. W. Thompson; secretary-treasurer, J. R. Gregg; chief, J. A. Reed.

For Sale—15 tons of hay and 15 tons of straw and pasture of 100 acres; will lease pasture up to March 1; dwelling to live in for rent; four miles west of Ontario. Address Felix Barkley, Ontario, Ore.

Croy & DeBas of the Pastime billiard and pool rooms, one of the finest in the northwest, invites your patronage. The firm also carries cigars, tobacco, fine confectionery, etc. The fruit and confectionery store is separate from the billiard room, and the ladies of Ontario are especially invited to make their purchases at the Pastime, just south of Boyer Bros. & Co.

Let the Men Do the Work. Go to Gene Conant for clothes cleaning. Expert pressing and repairing. The French dry and magnesium methods of cleaning—also scouring. All work guaranteed. Three doors north of Carter House barber shop.

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT WELL UNDER WAY

### Mr. Speer Will Place Water on the Land for \$50 Per Acre and Take Pay for Same in 20-Year Bonds.

Trowbridge & Niver, the irrigation and bonding company of Chicago, have completed their surveys on all the land south of the Malheur river and have moved their camp to the north side of the river. They are now carrying on their surveys in the Dead Ox Flat territory. Every 40 acres on the south side of the Malheur has been staked out and five-foot contour lines have been run, and maps of the same completed showing the topography of all the dry land between Mitchell butte and Vale butte, and between the Owyhee and Malheur. The same work has been completed south of the Owyhee to the Idaho line and in the Sucker creek country in Idaho.

The plans and specifications are now in shape for inspection, and the road land companies have reported that their engineer, Mr. Whistler, will be here in a few days to examine them. It is then up to the road land people and the High Line to get together, and they, with the people of Malheur county, stand ready to accept any proposition to water their dry land that is fair and reasonable. During the past two months, or since the government has pulled out of the south side, negotiations have been going on between Mr. Speer and the committees that were recently appointed to represent the south side land owners. This committee report good progress. One very satisfactory feature is that Mr. Speer has cut out the sliding scale and will eliminate or postpone the cash payment. This cash payment will be entirely eliminated providing the people will form an irrigation district, and all the dry lands within the district will be watered at the same price. Mr. Speer was in Ontario last Monday to meet the road land people, accompanied by his chief engineer, to go over the plans with the engineer employed by the road land companies, but the representatives of the road land were unable to be here at that time.

#### He Is a Mind Reader.

Rap! Rap! Rap! "Come in," said Judge King, while he was busy preparing a legal document. "Be you the parson?" said a voice at the door. "I be not the parson," said the Judge, "but come in and I will tie the knot, I know what you want, for I am a mind reader." A timid young lady and a bashful young man entered with a marriage license and Judge King, with all the solemnity for which he is noted, said the words that made Joseph Strong and Ethel Grave, both of Boise, man and wife. After collecting the usual five for his trouble, closing his eyes while he kissed the bride, the judge said to the groom: "Joseph, I hope you will be strong enough to support the bride, and you, Miss Ethel, Grave enough not to be jealous of Joseph." The judge then went out and bought a two-bit cigar.

For Sale—8-room house, 5 rooms finished; 5 lots; desirable part of the city; cheap. Inquire C. E. Kenyon, or Argus office.

While here Mr. Speer proposed that the people form an irrigation district and he will place water on the land at \$50 an acre, and take pay for the same in 20-year bonds. By this plan no payments will be due during the first 10 years. This seems to meet the approval of all the land owners, as it relieves them of a cash payment and of all deferred payments excepting the interest for the first 10 years while they are improving their land and placing it in a high state of cultivation. This will leave the individual tracts of land free from mortgage, which would not be the case with an individual water contract. This is particularly desirable as it will enable the land owner to obtain loans and will also quite materially facilitate the sale and transfer of their real estate. Up to this time the Argus has heard of no objections to the formation of an irrigation district.

A petition is now being circulated among the land owners on the south side asking the county commissioners to form an irrigation district. The preliminary boundary, of necessity, includes much land that is now watered. The reason of this is that there is considerable dry land interspersed among the watered ranches. Those who have water rights only need to ask the commissioners when the time comes to omit that portion of their land that is now watered out of the district.

According to the Oregon law the commissioners must be petitioned by 50 land owners, or by a majority of the land owners within the district. This petition must then be published for four consecutive weeks, with the date of which the land owners will all have an opportunity to ask the commissioners to include or exclude their land from the district.

The prospects are now very bright as every one seems inclined to favor any reasonable proposition that will bring the high line ditch. A very fortunate

characteristic of the people in this part of the county is that they do not become easily disorganized nor are they inclined to whiffle about from one scheme to another. A steadfast purpose is absolutely essential in carrying through any great undertaking, and especially is this true where so many are concerned. While the government was in the field no number of promoters, nor any amount of proselyting nor agitating could stampede the people from the government as long as the reclamation department stood by the Malheur project; but as the government has now deserted the field we are certain that the people of Ontario and vicinity will be as loyal and as unanimous in their support of the private irrigation company that is now in the field as they were of the government, and they will give careful consideration to all propositions that they have to make.

All should stand shoulder to shoulder in the effort to get water without quibbling over immaterial details, and confine all negotiations to the company that is now in the field. Trowbridge & Niver will find Ontario and vicinity as loyal to them as they were to the government as long as there is a prospect of getting together.

With the prospects that we now have of getting water in the near future all petty differences should be kept down, and all pull together to bring negotiations to a speedy and successful conclusion; as we all want water right now and not in the sweet bye and bye. Water will make this one of the greatest garden spots in the West; the best place for the home builder and the investor.

Thousands of people are watching this project and waiting to be assured of water, to come and make this their home. Water will bring a speedy realization of our fondest hopes, and we must all keep together and pull together to get work started on this project at once.

## Exhibits of This Section

The Ontario Commercial Club has collected a very attractive exhibit which will be sent to the United States Land & Irrigation exposition, which opens in Chicago and continues from Nov. 20 to 27.

Trowbridge & Niver will have on exhibition in miniature all of the country in this vicinity. This feature of the exhibit will show the topography of the country as taken from their surveys; the rivers, ditches, etc. This exhibit will be called the Model Irrigation System.

Among the exhibits that will attract attention are samples of wheat grown by C. W. Mallett, which made an average yield of 71 bushels to the acre; potatoes grown by B. W. Gove, J. H. Seaward and others is included in the list. Five samples of alfalfa that brought a revenue of from \$100 to \$150 per acre will open the eyes of the visitors to the exposition.

Views of orchards, fields, etc., were also sent with the exhibits. As the United States Land & Irrigation exposition is entirely a western exposition, it is expected that it will do much in attracting home-seekers to this section.

8 to 11.

The College of Idaho football team defeated the Ontario high eleven in one of the warmest contested and best played games ever witnessed on the gridiron in this city Saturday afternoon by a score of 11 to 8. The game went to Caldwell through an accident by Fiser kicking the ball against the Ontario goal on the third down, when it was secured by a Caldwell player for a touchdown. Caldwell made its 11 scores in the first half. Ontario made five in the first half, when Fiser made a touchdown by breaking through Caldwell's line in a 50-yard run. Fiser made a place kick in the second half and Ontario came dangerously near scoring twice after that.

## Advertisement for Bids

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the Ontario Bridge Commission, will receive bids for the widening, grading and construction of a road from the city limits of the City of Ontario eastward to the approach of the Oregon-Idaho bridge across Snake river. Plans and specifications can be had at the office of Engineer A. E. Fox, Ontario, Oregon, on and after October 25, 1909. All bids must be in the hands of said Commission by or before 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, November 1, 1909, and must be accompanied by a certified check of five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Dated October 20, 1909. ONTARIO BRIDGE COMMISSION.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the year 1909 of the Snake River Irrigation District, Malheur County, Oregon, is now due and payable, and will become delinquent at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 31st day of December, 1909. Five per cent penalty will be added on all taxes of said district remaining unpaid at said date of delinquency. Payment of said taxes may be made at the office of the sheriff of Malheur county, at Vale, Oregon.

ROBT. ODELL, Collector, Snake River Irrigation District. CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS via Oregon Short Line. Daily for tickets one way via Portland. Frequent dates for other routes. See Oregon Short Line agents for further details.

## HOT WATER BOTTLES.

Be ready for the cool, fall nights with a hot water bottle to put at your feet. The comfort one will impart is worth many times what you'll have to pay for it.

Our fall stock is just in. It comes directly from the factory and every bottle is fresh and sure to wear long and give perfect satisfaction. We have several grades, some in all sizes, from the little face bags to the three quart size. All guaranteed. Prices are low, as buying direct from maker gives us all the discounts.

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Ontario, Oregon.

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Leading Prescriptions  
Of the County.

Wilson-Duffy  
Drug Co.

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We will not agree to make a wheelbarrow keep time, but are doing the next thing to it by requiring our sign to mark the time for you.

We do agree to make any kind of a time piece serve you acceptably at a very moderate cost.

We guarantee you satisfaction in all dealings.

A complete line of Strings, Sheet Music and Instruments.

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Baker City, Oregon.

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The course of studies embraces the eighth grades of common studies; based on the state course of studies, the Academic course of four years and the Commercial course.

The music and painting departments offer splendid advantages.

Studies will be resumed Sept. 7, 1909. For further particulars call at the Academy or address the SISTER SUPERIOR.

## Assessed Valuation Malheur County, 1909

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| Acre cultivated land, 26,275 29-100.....                    | \$1,675,065 00 |
| Aeres uncultivated land, 88,948 39 100.....                 | 1,483,100 00   |
| Aeres non-tillable land, 448,197 78-100.....                | 561,265 00     |
| Improvements on deeded land.....                            | 162,955 00     |
| Town lots.....  | 348,095 00     |
| Improvements on town lots.....                              | 163,305 00     |
| Improvements on land, not deeded.....                       | 12,875 00      |
| Miles railroad, telegraph, telephone lines, 294 80-100..... | 233,130 00     |
| Rolling stock.....  | 26,390 00      |
| Stationary engines, etc.....                                | 29,275 00      |
| Merchandise stock in trade.....                             | 121,165 00     |
| Farming implements.....                                     | 56,305 00      |
| Money, notes and accounts.....                              | 69,285 00      |
| Household furniture, etc.....                               | 55,610 00      |
| Number of horses and mules, 8208.....                       | 273,140 00     |
| Number of cattle, 24,358.....                               | 418,000 00     |
| Number of sheep, 100,799.....                               | 497,335 00     |
| Number swine, 884.....                                      | 4,420 00       |
| Beehives, 1060.....   | 1,060 00       |
| Total.....  | \$6,291,775 00 |